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Miss Marian G. Maloon, Registrar
Department of Vital Statistics
State House

Dear Miss Maloon:

In reply to your letter of November 20, 1953, requesting an opinion as to whether non-residents of the State of New Hampshire could file intentions of marriage in the Town of Newfields and be married by a Catholic priest in Newmarket, I advise that our statutes would not allow this.

Revised Laws, chapter 338, section 2 as amended by Laws 1949, chapter 98, section 3, specifically provides that intentions of marriage must be filed in the office of the clerk of the town in which either of the parties dwell, if either of them dwell in this State; otherwise in the town in which the marriage is celebrated. If the parties desire to be married by the Catholic priest of Newmarket, in Newmarket, they must file their intentions in the Town of Newmarket.

Very truly yours,

Richard C. Duncan
Assistant Attorney General

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